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SUBJ: JOBERT'S NOVEMBER 12 SPPECH: ECONOMIC ISSUES

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1. IN HIS SPEECH CALLING FOR CLOSER EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION (SEE REFTEL), FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT MADE POINT THAT A POLITICALLY INTEGRATED EUROPE WOULD BE STRONG ONLY IF, IN ECONOMIC AREA, THE SOLIDARITY OF NINE GREW STEADILY. IN LATTER DOMAINE HE SAID THAT FINANCE MINISTERS WILL SOON CONSIDER NEXT STEPS IN MOVING TOWARD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MONETARY AND ECONOMIC UNION, I.E. THROUGH THE POOLING OF A

SIGNIFICANT SHARE OF MEMBER COUNTRY RESERVES, THE FUNDING OF THE EUROPEAN MONETARY COOPERATION FUND AND OTHER MEASURES.

2. JOBERT SAID THAT PROGRESS CAN ALSO BE MADE IN EC REGIONAL POLICY, A SUBJECT, HE ADDED, THAT WAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO UK AND ITALY, THROUGH CLARIFICATION AND FUNDING OF THIS POLICY. REGARDING COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY, HE SAID IT CAN ONLY BE STRENGTHENED BY GREATER COOPERATION IN MONETARY SECTOR.

3. JOBERT ALSO SAID THESE SUBJECTS CAN BE DISCUSSED AT EUROPEAN SUMMIT ALONG WITH ENERGY MATTERS. PRESENT ENERGY SITUATION, HE SAID, UNDERLINES CRUELLY THE ABSENCE OF COMMON POLICY. WHETHER IT BE GAS, PETROLEUM OR NUCLEAR ENERGY, A EUROPEAN-WIDE UNDERSTANDING IS CALLED FOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT IS ALSO NECESSARY THAT SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM TO EC BE ASSURED. FINALLY, HE ADDED THAT EUROPE'S ENERGY SOURCES SHOULD BE DIVERSIFIED, ITS MARKET ORGANIZED, PRICES COORDINATED AND RESEARCH EXPANDED. JOBERT SAID THAT THE EC SHOULD CONTINUE TO REMAIN FIRM CONCERNING TRADE TALKS AND SHOULD MAKE EVEN GREATER EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE THIRD WORLD.

4. COMMENT: JOBERT THUS SETS AS CONDITION FOR STRONG POLITICALLY INTEGRATED EUROPE COOPERATION THE REALIZATION OF GREATER EC ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. HIS CALL FOR EARLY, TANGIBLE ECONOMIC PROGRESS SUGGESTS THAT FRENCH, UNDER PRESSURE RECENT INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, ARE MORE IN THE MOOD TO MOVE AHEAD ON EC REGIONAL POLICY FUNDING, POOLING OF RESERVES AND OTHER THORNY EC QUESTIONS. SPEECH ALSO PROVIDED JOBERT WITH OPPORTUNITY TO DWELL ON ENERGY MATTERS. HIS REFERENCE FOR NEED TO ENSURE EC WITH SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM MAY FLAG FRENCH DESIRE TO OBTAIN DUTCH, AND GERMAN SUPPORT FOR GASEOUS DIFFUSION PROJECT AS QUID PRO QUO FOR FRENCH ASSISTANCE IN MAINTAINING PETROLEUM SUPPLIES FROM ARAB STATES.

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